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THE SEMMES CENTENARY.

Raphael Semmes. The flotilla in New that war. What the battle between the Merrimac and the Cumberland demonsarge and the Alabama broved. When ooden cruiser, handled by the greatden navy was at hand. It may truly be said that the waves off Cher-

re than an epoch in the naval history the country. It was a splendld ex-South. Almost alone, Semmes planned the naval authorities he nut the Sumdid not hesitate. Taking his crew, he 220" down the Mersey, and raised her flag as the Alabama. During the eighteen months that followed, the sea was his only port. Daring, resourcespirit that made the Confederacy fight when Vicksburg and Gettysburg were Fort Fisher had fallen. When Semmes hastened at their head to the support

The memories of personal hardships did not rankle, but the buried glories His proud, invincible spirit bore up unffinchingly, and only broke forth now and then into bitter invective against the conquerors of his country. That spirit has passed, and fortunately, but the love that prompted it should live

Semmes to-day. For months his name carried terror to the Cabinet in Washington and consternation to Federal merchantmen. More than any other Lee of the sea.

Hudson's fame with the name of Verwhere, the real pioneer of steam navigation was not Fulton, of New York, but James Rumsey, of Maryland and Virginia. The river whose bosom was first ruffled by a steam-turned paddle was not the Hudson, but the Potomac, where "Jim" Rumsey was puffing up and down twenty years before the Clermont was launched. If John Moray is correct, it was only the industrious propaganda of Robert Livingston that fastened upon Fulton, his law partner this wholly unmerited wreath. James Rumsey had exclusive patents for the operation of steamboats in the waters of Virginia and Maryland.

What is the exact basis for all these statements? Let our historians retire to the archives. Not for anything would we see cold water thrown upon the brilliant ceremonies begun Saturday, but if Virginia really gave the steamboat to the world, the world

The Cimes Cabinet Dispoich as minister. But when the financial policy of the new Cabinet aims directists and landed proprietors-Balfour, it appears, quickly changed ground,

the brain and brawn of the Unionists.

pattle to repeal them should be long and bitter, What Barbon urged in

what Cobden and Bright contended for n every shire of England, will hardly

resents the real sentiments of the Unionists, it presents room for thoughtful reflection. When one great nation of the world, after two generations tion of its free trade theory, and when theory, economic theories may well only" is an economic axiom, rather To Save Her Trouble, of Course. than a rejected political aphorism.

here lies hid a man for whom the world's police have dragged their nets in vain. No one has the remotest Archangel, Sydney, Nome or Moscow; he may be in Eighth Avenue, New York; he may be in Richmond. It is Leon Ling we are speaking of, wanted since June 18 last, and how he got away heaven only knows. "Suca Market M The average white man has nerves

himself as utterly as though the earth tale of how he did it might offer material not unworthy of a Conan Doyle,

The President says he didn't mean to knock Pinchet, and we assume that Ballinger feels correspondingly de-

Arctic explorers will kindly back way. Every time the pole is dis-covered, our readers complain that it is necessary to buy a heavier weight

Virginia is turning out lots of coke vastly increased cost of living."

The tremendous array of battleships New York harbor is not intended a deliberate slap at the uplift com-

There are knotholes in the football ark, but nobody seems to care a hoot.

We have not yet noticed that the ap-ointment of a few Taftocrats; to our jost-office has had any bearing on the price of stamps.

PARIS ALSO IS CELEBRATING.

While New York Lauds Hudson and Fulton, French Capital Honors Hugo. While New York this week is devoting all its spare time to the Hudson-Fitton celebration, Paris is glorifying Victor Hugo on the afficient anniversary of the appearance of the first volume of "La Legende des Slecles." Beginning with yesterday there will be seven days of "fetes." Hugo's plays will be given at the Theatre-Francais and other theatres, Hugo's songs will be sung at an efficial banquet by singers from the Grand Opera, Rodin's statue of Hugo will be unveiled at the Palais Royal, and scenes from "Notre Dame de Paris" will be reproduced in

steamboat to the world, the world might as well know it.

A PROTECTIVE TARIFF FOR EXGLAND?

It Mr. Baifour's speech last Wednesday at Birmingham is a fair specimen of Unionist thought, Joseph Chamberlain will no longer be a voice in the wilderness crying for a protective turiff. According to the cable dispatched mand and came out decisively for the policies which Chamberlain has been advocating for six years. The time was come, he said, when England could only maintain her place among the industrial nations of the earth by protecting her own industries. His remarks, we read, were enthusiastically approved, and his resolutions, advocating a tariff as a Unionist policy, were promptly adopted.

If economic study convinced Chamberlain that free trade was infquitous, little sympathy with Chamberlain's views when he was Premier, and would lend no support to his opinions

| day at the minimum to the produced in the Profile and the Prof

Borrowed Jingles.

'Tis further charged against you that las

"Sir," quoth the magistrate in tones quite grun, "Simply to ring your bell was not enough. We are resolved, let me again repeat, o protect autos in the public street.

"Only last week a couple was much hurt By an unlucky child who did a 'spurt.'

"The car was bloodstained and its from The garage company was much annoyed.

"Fine: Ten dollars and costs, sir-your defense is vain,
And never walk without your light again!"
--Puck.

MERELY JOKING.

The Only Way to Explain It.

Ethel (confidentially): "Do you know, Clara, that I had two offers of marriage last week?"
Clara (with enthusiasm): "Oh, I am delighted, dear! Then the report is really true
that your uncle left you his money?"—
Pick-Me-Up.

Wife: "I'm going to cook dinner to-day myself. What would you like, dear?" Husband: "Er-cold beer and pickles!"—The Bystander.

Oh. These Girls.

"My word!" exclaimed the British society woman. "Here's an announcement of the marriage of another member of our nobility to an American concert hall singer. Fancy.

"Was your change or Escape.
"Was your changeur guilty in this accident?" asked the judge, in a German city, of the man whose car had injured a foot traveker.
"He was not, your honor!" replied the defendant, vehemently. "The man was run over in entire compilance with the ordinance."—Berlin Gazette.

If Mr. Taft keeps on saying these things we look for Mr. Rossevelt to return with snow-white hair and a haggard mica.— Chicage Inter-Ocean.

A former Missouri legislator is now a sleeping-car porter. When a man gets one tasts for easy graft there's no holding him -Cleveland Leader.

. . . When New Yorkers read of President Taft in the West they probably wonder how he can overcome the old prejudice against a president going outside of the United States. -Washington Post.

Milk Company Around Cape Town Ri-

mining camp. mining camp. The amount imported last year was 19,422,851 pounds, valued at \$1,631,131, and that was a poor year; in 1907 the value imported was over \$2,000,000. Two companies in combination have by advertising made the names of their products familiar to every white person in that distant empire, and they hold the wholesale dealer in an iron grip. He must not import any himself, but if he is on the list of the approved he may buy of the trust and receive a rebate every six months if he can show that he has handled no other brand. The trust, although most of its product is not made in England, claims from the cusmade in England, claims from the cus-toms authorities a preference of about 20 per cent. in duties on the ground that it is an English product; and there is said to be only one wholesale groeer who is not so tied to the trust that he is free to import as he wishes. From South Africa comes a cry for help. They say that if some American manufacturer will only make his brand known by advertising and will sell at a price as low as that made by the trust he can capture at least half this trade, so eager are the retailers and

The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

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Archduke Ferdinand's Confession of Confession of Maustria, has been the subject of so much misrepresentation with regard to his political opinions that he has gone to the length of making a public profession of the latter, which has been printed in the form of an authoritative statement in the Pester Hirlap. That it should have been issued through the Austrian, press is attributable to the fact that it is among the Magyars that he has until now been most misunderstood, and inconsequence thereof disliked. He decires that "It is absurd to say that am Ultramontaine and a Clerical. As a Roman Catholic Christian, I am, of course, devoted to my faith. But that does not prayent me from realizing my duty to honor and respect all other religious convictions. Religious prejudices will therefore have no place in my policy. My principal aim and object is the maintenance and development of the strength and solidarity of the Austro-liungarian monarchy, and therefore my political program includes two unalterable demands; first, the maintenance of an undivided army, and, secondly, the maintenance of a common bank; because I am persuaded that the present Austro-liungarian Bank is one of the most valuable sources of strength to the dual monarchy, and secondly, the maintenance of a source, of strength to the dual monarchy, and sources of strength to the dual monarchy, and sources of strength to the dual monarchy, and therefore so an an difference of the court should that the present dustrian, press to the development of the court and the court and the court and the court of the strength and solidarity of the Austro-liungarian market, and the court of the strength and solidarity of the Austro-liungarian pressure the court of the strength and solidarity of the Austrian press of strength to the dual monarchy, and therefore my political program includes two unalterable deman

as the Pavillon Henri Quatre, whence the most glorious view that it is possible to conceive is to be obtained of the French capital and of its beautiful suburbs. But not many of those who have spent delightful hours at the Pavilion Henri Quatre are aware that the building is all that remains of the magnificent palace erected by Henry IV. of France, and which extended along a considerable portion of that two-mile-long terrace, which, perched high above the surrounding country, has as its background a most imposing row of lime trees, hundreds of years old, and so close to one another that they look almost like a gigantic and carefully cropped hedge.

Louis XIII, and also Louis XIV. In his early years, spent much time at St. Germain, which, however, the last named King in his later years deserted for Versailles, and in the following reigns of Louis XVI. Louis XVII., Napoleon I. and of Louis XVIII., it was completely wiped out of existence, with the exception of one wing, which is now known as the Pavillon Henri Quatre.

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re. In 1840 a M. Collinet purchased it In 1840 a M. Collinet purchased it for a mere song, and converted it into a restaurant and hotel, his principal patron and guest being Alexandre Dumas, the elder, who in the apartments on the first floor, wrote his most famous novels, namely, "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Three Musketeers." Dumas, who was as clever a cook as he was a writer, devised also there his celebrated "cutlets a la Bearnaise," in memory of Henri Quatre, and it was there, too, that Meilhac, Halvey and, above all. Offenbach, wrote and composed their most successful comic operas; while in 1870 the late Field Marshal von Moitke used to spend hours on the terrace of the hotel, his gaze fixed upon Paris, and upon the great stronghold of Mont Valerien.

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After the capitulation of Paris to the Germans, and the outbreak of the Commune insurrection. Marshal MacMahon directed from the terrace of St. Germain the military operations by means of which that sangulnary revolution was crushed. Moreover, in 1877, ex-President Thiers, who may be regarded as the founder of the Third Republic, closed his eyes in the very room of the Pavillon Henri Quatre in which Louis XIV. was horn.

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Fraction of Military and Naval Cost Spent on Education Would Suffice. It is believed public sentiment is for peace and prosperity rather than for consternation and war. The old idea of preparing in time of peace for war is not obsolete; but it is not so overpowering as it has been in times past. It is absolutely necessary yet for a nation like ours to have and to support an army and a navy; but our strongest defense is the schoolhouse. We want to spend more for schoolhouses and schools and less for Dreadnaughts and big guns and fortifications.

We would not in the least detract from the splendid services of the offi-cers and men of the army and navy; but it is no disparagement of them to say that the army of teachers in the hundreds of thousands of class rooms

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Visiting Japanese Find Him Their Equal in Adroit Politeness.

The meeting between President Taft and the members of the Japanese Commercial Mission at Lake Minnetonka yesterday was, no doubt, important because of its bearings upon the relations between the nations, but it offered an intimate view of Taft, the diplomat, at work.

The Japanese are famed for politerial in the President. For every well-turned publy above the average ability in amlarial between the visitors, although probably above the average ability in amlarial phrase he had a happily chosen retort. He matched the solicitude of the visitors intertuned the solicitude of the visitors intertuned appreciate our friendship for them. It was a delightful exchange of politeness, a duel in deference because most such meetings are formal affairs, with prepared and irresone addresses on each side. The chance meeting and the informal anature of the occasion gave opportunity for the play-of phrases without-stilted formality, and it is worthy af pride that the American representative fully held his own. The incident, so far as it has influence, must contribute sit that influence must contribute its so much to a continuance of the mutual friendship expressed on both sides, "Pittsburg Dispatch."

Tariff and Industrial Conditions in England

By ZACH McGHEE.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, September of the lines. The private company advanced nation in the world, and you show that the control of the lines are not as advanced as we are: So said a gentleman, a many second and account in the world, and you show that in wear referring to was the control of the lines of the control of the lines of the

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of the upbuilding of the nation and for placing it upon a foundation that will see a timely card to-day according to the nations of the earth are continually looking out for something to tax, in order to get a sufficient amount of man is employed in devising new years and more powerful instruments of human destruction. The great debts that hang like mill stones about the thang like mill stones about the letter after any sounding, and the taxpayers are burdened with a heavy weight to pay the interest on such debts, while the principle is not no half of what it costs this nation was guns and build fortifications, were appropriated for the support of the many places is unspeakable, would disappear before the sunskine of general and Tribune.

Sir,—My good friend, "F. S. W." while individually looking of the author day according to the half of the author of the peak which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will receive prompt and experience and which I hope will acknow Memorial and the great solder, whose deeds and memory we should keep in lasting the set of the great solder, whose deeds and more powerful instruments of the great solder, whose deeds and memory we should keep in lasting the set of the great solder, whose deeds and memory we should keep in lasting the set of the great solder, whose deeds and memory we should keep in lasting the set of the great solder, whose deeds and memory we should keep in lasting the set of the great solder, whose deeds and memory and the state of the great solder, whose deeds and memory and the state of the great solder, whose deeds and the great sol ors of the great soldier, whose deeds and memory we should keep in lasting remembrance.

It is true that "F. S. W." did "write the letter a few months ago that started the discussion looking to the building of a suitable equestrian statue to Stonewall Jackson." The writer comes in only for second honor, since he first published a card stating that a friend ("F. S. W." so well and favorably Mnown as the "Industrial Editor") twould soon publish his letter, and then soon after the letter appeared it was followed by my hearty approval. I would not claim any honor at all in this connection but for the fact of being a dozen years the senior of "F. S. W." who was only a "wee tot" that ran after any sounding, rattling drum, large or small, or perhaps like the infant Astynax, was much pleased with the bright armor of Hector, while with many stout youths, aged from sixteen to_twenty years, the writer stood in the gray ranks of war made famous and glorious by Stonewall Jackson, whose memory, so heroic and loving, we now propose to suitably honor, while my friend is not a veteran he has the heart and spirit of one, and we all heartly thank him for making the first move in a matter that commends itself to every one of us. We cannot do better than adopt his suggestions.

C. A. R. Richmond, September 28.

Richmond, September 22.

COMING POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

During Next Year, Country Will Have to Becide Puzzling Issues.

The people of this glorious republic are crowded with important Issues at the present time. There is the proposition to amend the Constitution so as to allow Congress to provide for an income tax. It was thought at first this would go swimmingly towards adoption, but from some recent observations the prospect is not so assuring. Tweive States may defeat it, and opponents of the proposition are now claiming these.

Then, there is the currency question, That we always have with us, but just now in an acute form, since there is a commission roaming the world in search of a plan, and it has given forth enough of its conclusion, to create a very earnest discussion. It seems to favor the central bank idea, and already the opposition to that schema has appeared and has filed with public opinion a vigorous protost. The objection hints loudly at Wall Street manipulation and financial oligarchy, which naturally rallies a strenuous opposition. The conflict over this project is going to be exciting between the statu quos and the European devices. The President has taken the side of the central bank, which is greatly to its advantage, but the fight against it will be hot.

Then the postal savings bank idea—that is to occupy a large area of public discussion. Both of the political parties indorse it in their platforms, and President Taft favors it strongly, but the opposition to it is a sort that is likely to win. The general idea is a popular one, but when one gets to discussing details, some pretty strong arguments against it crop out out here and there. The scheme in two south is the one in the solution of the problem.

Thus we have three important issues the give rise to a great deal of discussion in the coming months. They should not be settled on selfish or partisan grounds, but uppon considerations that relate wholly to the public weight settled on the public weight propositions.—Ohio State Journal.

